

Soup Du Jour

Sunday, June 18th 1995 Food Not Bombs International Gathering, San Francisco
22 Chapters represented (and counting)

Lunch

6/18/95 kitchen

9 AM - TBA

TBA

Yoga

6/18/95 workshop

9 AM - 12 Nathan

Somar

Try the yogi's cup of coffee.

World Without Borders Gay Pride March

6/18/95 solidarity

10 AM -

Larkin/McAllister

DO NOT DRIVE AROUND DOWNTOWN FROM 11 AM UNTIL AFTER 6 PM

Protest Prep

6/18/95 workshop

10 AM - 1

New College

Ground rules, shanti, witness, non-violence, and everything.

Deschooling and Self Education

6/18/95 workshop

10 AM - 12 Pam Davis

New College

This educator and editor of the zine Drop Out will discuss the destructiveness of compulsory schooling and options for individuals looking for something better. How does school control you and prevent you from controlling your own education?

Dinner

6/18/95 kitchen

2:30 PM - Wendy, Mark & John 647 7827

310 Lexington @ 20th St.

driver:
servers:

Tent City

6/18/95 demo

7 PM -

UN Plaza

Protest human rights violations in america.

Minutes of Food Not Bombs Groups Workshop

Andrew Rose, June 17

Chapter Reports:

San Francisco according to Tom Osher is at a low point. The van is gone. They're trying to do two meals a day. Besides police problems, they need more volunteers especially drivers. Andy Rose says San Francisco is doing great! There are 13 meals served a week. The gender balance is getting better and while being arrested is a bad thing, it does generate interest and new volunteers. People don't stay in jail as charges are always dropped. Lots of food, yay! Chris Crass says FNB SF is doing lots with micro-broadcasting. Kaye says folks are looking into bike carts as an alternative to trucks.

Arcata is serving five days a week (down from seven) on the Plaza in the center of town. Some problems are getting enough volunteers and getting enough food. They are being sued by the City to stop serving on the pretense of health concerns. After working on it for a while, they are currently ignoring the issue and have never stopped serving. Arcata FNB reuses plastic pint containers to serve in, which they wash and bleach. They are working on organizing a Food Not Bombs bike trip, as well as investigating serving in Eureka.

East Bay is serving at People's Park around 2:30 in Berkeley Monday through Friday and also in downtown Oakland on Sundays. The City and University want FNB out and have offered to find a place to go, but have not been forthcoming. Strong gender balance and female presence in East BAY FNB.

New York City, according to Alex Vitale, serves three days a week in the East Village, out of a squat. Servings are pretty low key and they are considering moving to Washington Square Park. 25-30 people. Meetings in the kitchen.

Two groups in Seattle, who are at odds. What's up with that?

Montreal is serving one meal a week.

Tony says Columbus, Ohio is just getting started. They serve in a church basement provisionally, every other week. Planning to move outside. About 8 people on the list and lots of others are involved. A benefit is planned and they are working on getting more food donations. Tony reports the Yellow Springs/Antioch chapter is serving in Springfield now, as it has more needy people. Also Toledo is likely to have a chapter.

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada serves once a week on Sundays downtown near City Hall. No other free food is available on Sundays. Very little police problems but difficulty finding drivers. They've opened a street youth center (!)

Baltimore serves on Sundays with about 6 core members, at Fells Point where Broadway ends.

Asheville, North Carolina serves across the street from the Police Station for about 50 people. They are using the kitchen of a homeless shelter, and have taken food to some project housing. They report good gender balance. There is no FNB in Charlotte now but may be one there soon. An FNB chapter has started in the Raleigh Durham Chapel Hill area, actually in Durham.

Santa Cruz is serving 4 meals per week and has one grocery giveaway. Lots of food, but volunteers are low. Homeless people make up the bulk of volunteers. SC has just started Free Radio SC 89.3FM which is fueling the movement with much success.

As an aside Boston distributed food at projects, as did SF with RAW (Roots Against War). In SF, AYUDA, a Latino group, serves in the Mission jointly with FNB.

FNB groups were reminded of the importance of having literature at feeding sites, which can strengthen legal arguments in the event of arrests.

Jeremy Paker (Lonestar) from Dallas reports serving every Sunday and Wednesday with no police interference. Their vegetarian soiree takes place across the street from City Hall. Dallas is enabled by around 50 people.

Nikki from Houston reports strong laws against distributing free food have led them to 'drive-by' servings. The chapter is aided by an anarchist collective and some food is gained through food stamps. They've had a benefit and they're servings are picnics. There is an Austin group and Dallas/Ft. Worth.

Gainesville, FL is young and struggling. Has had a rally and is working with some religious groups. They are working towards a weekly serving in the middle of everything. 25 people on the list. The collective is dominated by vegan straight edge boys.

Tampa, Florida is serving once a week and giving out clothes and cans as well. Reported was the forming of a West Palm Beach chapter, as well as Fort Pierce, Orlando, Pensicola, and Miami. Go Florida!

Santa Cruz, fours years old, is looking for volunteers and facing increasingly hostile laws and city government.

Long Beach reports LA doesn't serve, and Costa Mesa is considering moving to Santa Ana. Whittier is serving once a week. Long

Beach serves every Sunday and some other days without hassle. 100-300 hungry people are served. Food comes mainly from Farmers' Market. They are trying to limit burnout by putting people in charge of specific limited tasks.

CT says Boston is serving five days a week plus a serving on Cambridge Commons on Sunday with Bread and Jam. They just had a Soupstock, and are having some trouble finding food.

And then we had a break and ate fruit salad.

Consensus was to pursue the topic of a "national organization", "national organizing", and responsibilities of such a thing to the locals and the responsibilities of the locals to the _whatever it's called.

CT spoke to the history of national organizing. "At the first national in 1992 people discussed national ideas and could only consent on supporting the Menu. Although who pays for it isn't clear." The current list of projects with scope beyond the locals includes: the Menu, speaking tours, the 800 number, internet work, and the radio network.

The desire for people to do their best at what they are best at sustains Food Not Bombs. If people are inclined to work 'at a national level', that should not be denied. Difficult issues such as the need to watch our fellow members and insist on keeping in touch with each other's efforts were discussed. The need to oversee the budgets and funding of these projects was also touched on, in the context of San Francisco's finances being effected by these 'national' efforts.

One idea is to make these efforts collectives, and bring in geographically disparate people into the work. There is no formal way to do this now. It was strongly voiced that a 'national' may not be necessary to solve problems of de facto organization which now exists. A more concrete appraisal of the issues we are facing is needed. We looked to other groups for experience, such as the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a quaker lobbying group supported by local meetings, and the Bay Area Coalition on Reproductive Rights which is facing similar problems of money, ego, and singular individuals speaking for the group.

Do we need to align our message? If so how? It seems a shared vision exists to some extent, including commitment to nonviolence, intention to feed hungry people and raise awareness of poverty issues to the mainstream.

Specific people have access to flow of information, which means they shape the popular (newcomer, or mainstream) perceptions. If such selective proselytizing becomes habitual, a loss of common ground between worker members and talker members can occur. "You stay honest by chopping in FNB" (says Judy Foster, East Bay).

The continuation of this necessary and interesting discussion will be Saturday 10 AM, New College.

How can the UN explain its vigorous action in Somalia compared to its lack of action in Rwanda? How do oil resources help explain?

WE LOVE YOU RICHARD !

In Memory of Richard Chandler

left us June 16th at 54yrs.

by Ethan Davidson

During the first night of the FNB gathering, I was reunited with many of my old friends. But I also learned, as I have many times before, that one of my old friends died of a drug overdose. This time it was FNB activist Richard Chandler, who overdosed on heroin.

I first met Richard several years ago, when we were both attending meetings of a program for recovering drug addicts. Later, we both became activists, and met often at demonstrations and FNB servings. But while I continued to believe in the basic principals of the recovery program we had gotten clean in, Richard came to feel that it was too apolitical.

Richard's death will not have been for nothing if the rest of us learn from it. I believe that the lesson is clear. For an activist, staying alive is a political act. If we neglect that act, all other acts of defiance become impossible. Every time an activist destroys himself, it saves our enemies a bullet.

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How it Works!

take what you need!
give what you can where you can
when you can! However you can!
In other words
Lend a Hand!

What happens then

strangers become friends
friends become family
family becomes community
Community on the Move
that's @ movement

We were brought together
for a reason, and that reason is
that we love one another

We were brought together
for a reason, and that reason is
that we heal one another

We were brought together
for a reason, and that reason is
that we complete one another

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Like Yin and Yang.....
Left and Right! Up and Down!
Old and Young! Man and Woman!
Rock and Roll!

Dimond Dave

Questions for the United Nations on its 50th Anniversary from Global Exchange 2017
Mission Street Rm. 303 415 255 7296

Why does the Security Council operate under such secrecy? Doesn't the closed-door, limited member policy limit democratic accountability?

How was it that the World Bank and IMF developed such an amazing degree of autonomy from UN control?

SPECIAL NEEDS GUIDELINES FOR EVERYONE'S SPECIAL NEEDS

Kaye

Those of us with "special needs" know that in fact most of them are really general needs, and paying attention to them reflects our caring for others and for ourselves. The more we take care of ourselves, the better we function, and the more energy we have for dealing with real problems in the world.

During the conference the fairy godmother patrol will be circulating wearing blue special needs badges. Each fairy godmother is expected to be aware of special needs guidelines and expected to take a proactive stance regarding such things as breaks, scents, and food HYGIENE (see separate section for those guidelines). They are expected to be informed of how to get assistance or available to give clear directions, and willing to help get the need taken care of (not merely give advice). Special needs parameters include disability/illness, child-and-parent care, animal needs, and hopefully locating foreign language speakers (as well as ASL). We have 14 rat-food packets to give out.

Disability is not an either/or situation but rather a continuum of functioning levels. Access is not an either/or situation but also a continuum from independent to access-with help, which may need to be prearranged. Access is not merely defined but compliance with building code ("wheelchair access"), but by the whole environment, including behavior and awareness. Awareness includes the knowledge that, for many people, many ordinary things take more time and energy.

All sessions shall have a BREAK of at least 5 minutes (minimum !) every 2 hours. Stamina must not be the basis for participation in dialog or decision making, and such break policy also helps guard against the railroading of personal agendas. People start losing concentration and taking individual breaks around this time anyway, for bathroom, smoking, etc.

All participants are discouraged from wearing SCENTS (including "natural" ones, i.e. patchouli oil). This is especially critical in closed spaces. Large numbers of people are chronically sensitive and become ill from the exposure. In fact, given the level of poisons that everyone takes in these days, even those not yet symptomizing are endangering their own health.

When SMOKING outside pay attention to where you stand, and avoid being near open doors or windows where the smoke will go into the building.

ALL SPACES are not totally accessible, but a clear description of the facility will allow people with various conditions, limitations, of levels of functioning to know ahead of time if there are problems either getting there or getting in once there. Let's prevent the uncomfortable situation of someone who has taken the time and energy to get there then unable to go in. People with difficulties will be able to know whether to arrange for help ahead of time. This information will be useful as well as for those who are travelling with children or transporting equipment and supplies. Most of that info (access description and toxics usage) did not come in ahead so we must note it at the various spaces as we go. Note restroom access as well as building access.

SF Muni and Alameda County transit buses have individual ride and passes with special prices for disabled people, children age 5-12, and seniors. BART has a \$16 pass for \$4 which must be purchased at designated outlets. The usual identification is a Regional Transit Discount Card. (If it is marked with a red dot, an attendant rides free when accompanying.) Medicare cards, DMV placard ID, or other California transit discount cards are acceptable for BART, and I think also AC transit & Muni. But vendor outlets or bus drivers are not necessarily informed about regional transit ID. BART cops have a nasty reputation of refusing pink discount passes if you don't show backup ID. Special needs will put transit info at as many sites as possible (25 Taylor/long haul, etc) system maps/schedules/disabled instructions/pass vendor outlets... Some buses are set up for wheelchair boarding but it's spotty; underground is all allegedly fully accessible via elevators.

From the Streets of San Francisco:
Keith Savage

On Thursday, June 15, 1995:

Keith Savage at the special behest of Food Not Bombs, tracked down at the Health Department, Mr. John E. Breslin, the assistant director of the Bureau of Environmental Health Services in request of the proper procedure to obtain health permits to enable Food Not Bombs to serve free food in public for seven days a week, without being arrested or accosted, molested, or perturbed. Much to my delight and surprise, I was informed within 3 minutes of my request that Mr. Breslin is interested in giving us, Food Not Bombs, our proper permits that we may be able to serve our food as desired. We will be meeting with Mr. Breslin next week.

Some of Food Not Bombs members feel a bit uneasy concerning the promises of the Board of Health because we have been fooled and lied to. My desire, you see, is to start over again at ground zero; clean the slate; let's begin again.

I am willing to take the word of Mr. Breslin in good faith, and give him a chance to work in our behalf. Time will tell - we shall see. We will inform you of the developments.

Every knee must bow

If the United States were to pay for all UN peacekeeping operations it would amount to just 1.2 percent of the Pentagon's budget. So why are conservatives and the Clinton administration pushing for a reduction in U.S. commitment to UN peacekeeping?

Naked Beach Party !!!

From the Streets of San Francisco:
Keith Savage

June 16, 1995

At the 6 pm FNB feeding at UN Plaza, we received word of a beach party at West Beach. We of FNB decided to go, about 25 persons in all, from ports such as Seattle, Berkeley, Canada, New York, San Francisco, and New Orleans.

I quickly convinced everyone we should have a naked beach party, receiving confirmation from Nikki and others that they would take off their clothes and go into the water.

ARRESTED! Friday June 16, Lunch

Ann Dasheill, Portland
Jennifer Collins, Portland
Amanda Jennings, Florida
Cara Jennings, Florida
Shannon Murray, Baltimore

were arrested for serving food and obstructing officers today June 16th at United Nations Plaza in San Francisco. These visitors had not previously been read the injunction disallowing Food Not Bombs from serving food to hungry people. Dashiell and one other have been released and we hope the others don't stay the weekend in county jail 850 Bryant.

The Global Peace Walk is in San Jose and primed to walk to SF. They will arrive Monday and will walk from Mission Dolores to the Mayor's office to see about a place to stay.

Food Not Bombs broadcasts at 87.9 (way left on your dial). Radio experts are needed for creativity, work and teaching. To dispell some confusion about the office and the antenna, the management of 25 Taylor removed the antenna around 3PM Friday. This was under the pretense that our lease disallows "modifying the structure of the building." We have also been threatened with eviction however papers have not been served and there are several legal avenues available to keep us in the space for the 10 more days of the gathering.

We've registered 80 people who are not SF or East Bay members and look forward to seeing the Rainbow Family of Loving Light and the Global Peace Walkers who arrive Monday at 11:30 at Mission Dolores. **If you have not registered with a local contact please call 351-1672 and get your info in!** This will help you greatly when you are interviewed to be released on your own recognizance.

Volunteers! Volunteers!

FNB International Gathering is a lot like a local. We run on volunteers! Join the act, come to 25 Taylor and plug in. Cooks, drivers, servers are necessary. Office workers (File Maker, Page Maker). Home Not Jails will need some people to drive people around for an action. Workshop facilitators are encouraged to report their successes and suggestions to the Du Jour. Witnesses and Jail Support is needed. Responsible people to hold keys for some of our housing spaces are greatly desired!

We left from different locations in the city and met back together at West Beach; some were late, but they got there about 30 in all. Some were to squirmish, however, amid dancing in the sand on the beach to jazz music; some of us disrobed and hit the water for some of the most exciting fun to be had in a long time. Some had to leave early, sorry you missed all the fun.

We had a ball; of course Food Not Bombs will have another naked Beach party and you are invited, however we are asking that you remain in good taste, that you may remain AND taste good.

The bodies were beautiful!

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

This is practical information on what to do if you are arrested during the Food Not Bombs International Gathering. Some of the points here reflect the political/tactical philosophy of the author. However, all of the points here are geared towards your maximum safety and the security of Food Not Bombs.

* Call 351-1672 at the earliest possible time. If you can not get through leave a message at 985-7087. You have the right to your arrest paperwork. Phone in your charges and the names of the arresting and booking officers, as well as court date if assigned. This info is very important and will be tracked.

* You do not have to talk to the police. Do not answer their questions except for your name and address etc. Anything you say will be used against you. Do not think that you can talk yourself out of trouble. Don't believe for a second that you can bring the cops over to your side. Anything you say can be used to incriminate other people. Some people may try to tell you that you should try to "speak truth" to authorities. It is best to keep your mouth shut until you can see a lawyer.

* You do not have to and should not reveal your HIV status to the cops.

* You have the right to make three telephone calls. Free local calls. If you are transferred to county jail (850 Bryant) you will have a pay phone in your cell. You have the right to keep up to twenty dollars in change and singles on your person. You may have to remind them of this.

* Be polite, but silent. If you are in custody, you won't be released sooner by insulting the cops. It may get your ass kicked.

* The mantra is "I want to talk to my lawyer."

Given the growing power of transnational corporations, why was the UN Center on Transnational Corporations (CTC) weakend in recent years rather than strengthened? Did this have to do with the CTC's efforts to implement a code of conduct for transnational corporations?

Given that successful development projects are more often run by non-governmental organizations working at the community level rather than large bureaucracies centered in major cities, why hasn't the UN done more to empower non-government organizations?

UN agencies have documented declining living standards as a result of "structural adjustment" programs implemented by the World Bank and the IMF. Why can't the leadership of the UN exercise some control over these two specialized agencies of the UN and get them to change their policies?

Wouldn't the UN be more representative of the world's people if country representatives were elected by their people rather than appointed by rulers?

20 June 1995

Redefining Security: The United States and The United Nations

Former US Ambassadors to the UN will convene to discuss the evolving role of the UN and the critical role played by the US within the UN system.

Herbst Theatre, War Memorial Veterans Bldg.
SOUTHERN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
415 458-1995

21 June 1995 Ends: 24 June 1995

'We the Peoples: The Role of Civil Society in the History and Future of the UN'

Timed to coincide with the Fiftieth Anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter, this conference will focus on the critical role that NGOs played in the founding of the UN as well as the important contributions which they made over the past fifty years. It will pay special attention to the explosion of NGO activity in the UN over the past five years as well as expanding the capacity of NGOs to comment on and effect UN decision-making processes.

A.N.A. Hotel

UN50 SAN FRANCISCO COMMITTEE
415 989-1995 Fax 415 989-1996

21 June 1995 Ends: 28 June 1995

World Federalist Movement's XXII Congress

With the theme "Democratizing the United Nations", the Congress will review and promote policies including a UN Parliamentary Assembly, Strengthening the Rule of Law & Human Rights and UN Security Forces. Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali will address the Congress.

San Francisco State University

WORLD FEDERALIST ASSOCIATION
415 227-4880 Fax: 415 227-4876

22 June 1995 End: 24 June 1995

President's Conference of Goodwill and Development

A series of events that emphasize the complimentary roles of Rotary International and the United Nations in the world community. Events include a Model UN and an address by Ambassador H.E. Richard Butler (Australia) and panel discussions including "Meeting the Needs of Humanity" and other UN-related issues.

Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California Street

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - San Francisco
415 546-0645 Fax: 415 666-2772

24 June 1995

The UN: Media and Public Opinion

A world class panel of experts will assemble as the Times/Mirror poll on "Attitudes Toward the United Nations" is released for the UN50. Panelists debating this US and global poll include: Abe Rosenthal (New York Times), Marvin Kalb (Shorenstein Center of JFK School of Government - Harvard University), and Andrew Kohut (Times/Mirror Polling).

San Francisco

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415 989-1995 Fax: 415 989-1996

24 June 1995

Restructuring the UN: "Democratizing the United Nations"

This forum, chaired by former UN Assistant-Secretary-General Robert Muller, will examine UN security forces, international criminal courts, demilitarization programmes, democratization at

all levels of government and comprehensive restructuring of global governance.

Golden Gate University Auditorium, 536 Mission Street

WORLD FEDERALIST ASSOCIATION
415 227-4880 Fax: 415 227-4878

25 June 1995

Visions of Peace: A Forum of Nobel Laureates

Much of the UN's work lies in advancing the health, welfare and economic well-being of peoples worldwide. Individual Nobel Peace Prize winners will convene to participate in a public forum and to issue a statement on the future of the UN.

Herbst Theater

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25 June 1995 Ends: 28 June 1995

UNA-USA National Convention

The programme is based on the theme "Strengthening the Relationship Between the US and the UN", and will include speakers, business meetings and workshops to consider the future work of the Association.

Fairmont Hotel

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION, New York
212 637-3232 Fax: 212 682-9185

25 June 1995

The UN at Fifty: A Colloquium for Reform

This forum opened by UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali, will examine the UN and its strengths and weaknesses. The forum will draw together authors, scholars and policy leaders who helped to prepare UN studies. A White Paper containing the findings conclusions and recommendations of this forum to best revitalize the UN will be presented and available to the public.

Herbst Theatre

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26 June 1995

United Nations Plaza Project Dedication

A private dedication ceremony will be followed by a public celebration focusing on children and youth of the world. The UN Plaza Project creates an enduring civic landmark that honors the founding principles of the UN. The Project features granite paving panels with the Charter Preamble and UN symbol, the names of UN member states and text from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

UN Plaza, Civic Centre

UN PLAZA PROJECT - San Francisco
415 981-5420

26 June 1995

San Francisco Commemorative Ceremony

San Francisco

UN50 SAN FRANCISCO COMM. - San Francisco
415 989-1995 Fax: 415 989-1996

Workshop Review

Ethan Davidson

The FNB gathering got off to a promising start on Friday with a workshop dealing with the always relevant topic of informants and disrupters. The workshop, which was facilitated by two long time FNB members, Alex Vitale and Eli Rosenblat, dealt with the topic of harassment by the police and the FBI, and with the use of "dirty tricks".

When the discussion came to the use of police infiltrators who are paid to disrupt progressive organizations, an interesting point was raised. Not all undercover police disrupt (some just gather information). Similarly, not all disrupters are police. This led to larger discussion of how to deal with disruptive individuals in an open collective like FNB. While no firm conclusions were reached, it was suggested that there be a policy for dealing with consistently disruptive people, whether they are police or not.

Spice Your Soup Du Jour!

Ethan Davidson

One of the more ambitious projects of the FNB gathering is to have our own daily newspaper. While we may fall short of this goal, we still plan to put out a paper. If you are reading this, we have succeeded in doing so.

The paper is intended to be very practical, letting conference participants know about schedule changes and other important information. But there will also be space for a short article, workshop reviews, photos, etc. The paper will also go into the worldwide net.

Like FNB, the Soup De Jour needs your help. We need writers, journalists, photographers, artists, computer people, proof readers, fundraisers, funds, and so forth.

Get your ingredients in every evening by 9:30 pm. Our meetings will be every night at that time at the FNB office, 25 Taylor Street, Room 701. See you there.

